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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CONTENDER OUSTED FROM PARTY LOST

1. JULIUS GIKONYO KIANO, 49, MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY WHO HAS LONG BEEN REGARDED AMONG LEADING CONTENDERS TO SUCCEED PRESIDENT KENYATTA WAS REMOVED DEC. 30 FROM HIS POSITION AS KANU PARTY CHAIRMAN FOR MURANG'A DISTRICT. ACCORDING PRESS ACCOUNTS, KIANO WAS REMOVED FROM PARTY POST BECAUSE OF "OFFENSIVE REMARKS" WHICH WERE MADE AT NOV. 9 KANU DISTRICT MEETING WHICH WAS CHAIRED BY KIANO. KANU PARTY OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF DEC. 30 THAT HE WAS SENT TO MURANG'A ON KENYATTA'S PERSONAL ORDER TO INVESTIGATE MATTER AND FOUND THAT KIANO HAD FAILED TO REFUTE "DANGEROUS, ANTI-GOVERNMENT STATEMENTS" WHICH WERE MADE DURING NOV. 9 MEETING.

2. ALTHOUGH KIANO REMAINS KANU MEMBER, MP, AND GOK MINISTER, PARTY DECISION, WHICH HAD BLESSING OF KENYATTA (KANU LIFE PRESIDENT), EFFECTIVELY REMOVES KIANO FROM CONTENTION FOR NATIONAL OFFICE IN PARTY
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ELECTIONS EXPECTED TO BE HELD IN 1976. SINCE KANU

IS ASSUMING LARGER ROLE ON NATIONAL POLITICAL SCENE
AND IS EXPECTED TO BE A MAJOR ELEMENT IN PRESIDENTIAL
SUCCESSION, KIANO'S CHANCES TO SUCCEED KENYATTA APPEAR
TO HAVE SUFFERED MAJOR SETBACK. DECLINE OF KIANO, A
NORTHERN KIKUYU AND POLITICAL ALLY OF VICE-PRESIDENT
MOI, FURTHER STRENGTHENS POSITION OF KENYATTA'S
KIAMBU-KIKUYU INNER CIRCLE.

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